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GETTING BORING?

Is soccer at the highest level becoming average, boring and predictable? Some of the best coaches in the world think so — see page 2.

A SOUR ENDING

We won against Taiwan — but almost threw it away at the end. Full World Cup match report by Allan Crisp — page 4.

ANOTHER MIRACLE

Wonders never cease — there is a club which finds a kind word or two for referees. It's Sutherland in NSW — read with amazement on page 8.

OUR CHOICES

Everybody and his dog has a view on who should or should not be in the national team. We do, too. Furthermore, we explain why and why not — page 12.

CLASSY YOUNG ROOS TO NOUMEA



Adelaide City goalie Jack Przybylski clutching the ball in Sunday's game against Marconi.

CROWDS UP

Philips League crowds have increased by 17 per cent since last season.

PSL manager Paul Kemp said this week that the average attendance in 1981 went to 4,023 from last year's 3,860.

MARADONA CAN'T COME

Argentinian super-star Diego Maradona is most unlikely to visit Australia in October.

It was hoped that he would come, as a guest, for the World Youth Cup.

In 1979, in Tokyo, Maradona led Argentina to a brilliant win in the final against the USSR.

Since then he has skyrocketed to world fame — and a stunning fortune.

The manager of Argentina, Luis Cesar Menotti, is also unlikely to visit us in October, with his youth team.

The reason: in October Argentina will play a series of friendly internationals in Europe and both Maradona and Menotti will have to be with the senior team.

Menotti is now preparing the Argentinian World Youth Cup squad for the October tournament — but he will hand over the team to one of his assistants for the trip.

REF DIES AT GAME

A referee died of a sudden heart attack during a junior match last Saturday at Lambert Park.

Arthur Griffith, 56, from the Eastern Division of the NSW Referee's Association, was in charge of the Under-15 NSW Youth League game between Leichhardt and Olympic.

Then he was a linesman at the Under-16 match between the same clubs.

At halftime he felt ill and decided not to return to the field but rest in the dressing room.

Ten minutes later officials found him dead on the floor.

• SIX GAMES

"But he wouldn't have played anyway," said coach Bob D'Ottavi later.

"He's too valuable to field after a long journey."

Fashanu will make his first appearance for Adcity on Sunday and is expected to play in five or six games.

Only some 10 days ago he helped the England Under-23 team to a 2-1 win over Hungary at Keszthely, scoring the winning goal.

The timing of his arrival is perfect: he will simply take over from Dave Mitchell while he is away with the Young Socceroos in New Caledonia.

While in Australia, Fashanu may be transferred in England.

"I would prefer to switch to a top first division team now that Norwich have been

relegated," he said last Sunday.

"I have no idea what my transfer fee could be.

I've heard \$2 million and even \$4 million men-

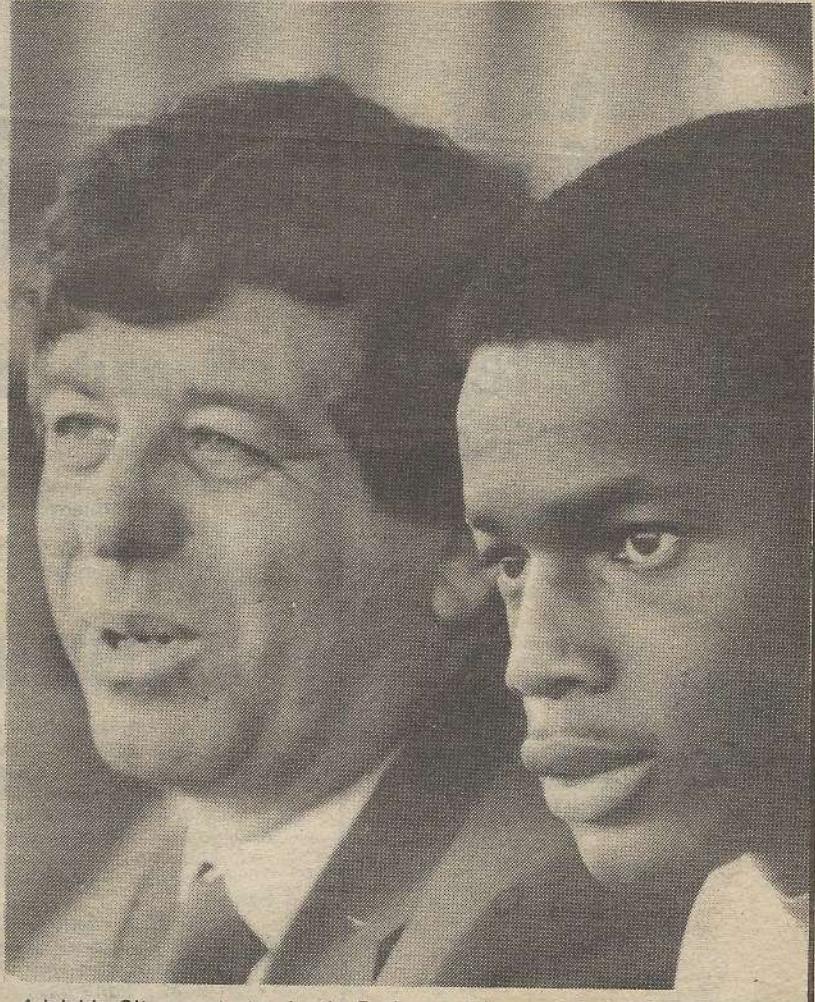
tioned.

"But these figures are ridiculous. I am just a soccer player, that's all."

"I will enjoy my stint with Adelaide City just

as much as I would enjoy a game at Wembley.

"The game of soccer, for me, holds a fascination no matter where I play."



Adelaide City guest star Justin Fashanu with coach Bob D'Ottavi savoring their team's demolition of Marconi.

WORLD NEWS... WORLD NEWS ...

COACHES LAMENT WORLD STANDARDS

Two of the most respected and celebrated managers in Europe, England's Ron Greenwood and Rumania's Istvan Kovacs made some pretty outspoken observations recently on soccer.

Greenwood's unusual outburst was aimed at the Press which has been on his back for months now.

"Unfortunately, most of our British journalists have very little knowledge of the game and so they plunge from one extreme to the other," he said.

"First they glorify our players as the best in the world, increasing public expectations.

"Then, when we lose, they slam managers, coaches, players and presidents as idiots.

"This way they can publish two sensational stories instead of one objective one.

"On top of it, they firmly believe that outside England there is no worthwhile soccer."

Kovacs, now the technical director of the Rumanian Association is one of the most astute soccer brains in Europe.

Of Hungarian parentage, Kovacs played in the first division team Kolozsvár and later his coaching career took him to Ajax (at their peak) and the French national side.

Now he is in charge of the Rumanian national team's technical preparations.

"The problem is that most of our coaches lack ambition," he said.

"They are not interested in developments outside their country,

they don't learn languages and don't read.

"On the whole, they are satisfied if their team doesn't get relegated at the end of the season.

"There is hardly any individual coaching and, as a result, most of our teams look and play alike.

"We are like the English, playing stereotype soccer.

"The fullbacks run up and cross the ball even when they know that the opposition goalie and defenders are complete masters in the air.

"Our midfielders are



England manager Ron Greenwood.

failed strikers, many of our attackers can't head the ball or use both feet. Should I go on?

"Sadly, this all applies to most of the teams in Europe, not just us.

"That's why you get all sorts of 'funny' results, where the Norwegians can win in Switzerland, the Spaniards can win in England, and so on. At that level, there can be no more surprise results: anything is possible.

"That's why none of us in that category would have the slightest chance against Brazil, Argentina, Germany or the Holland of yesteryears.

"Indeed, it makes little difference which of the many mediocre teams reach the World Cup finals in 1982: none of them can expect to do well unless they very quickly get down to the business of building a modern and imaginative team."

PUSKAS AT HOME

Ex-captain of Hungary, Ferenc Puskas, ranked as the world's No. 1 star in the 1950s, has visited his homeland for the first time in 25 years.

Puskas defected from Budapest in 1956 and, having been a major in the army, was always worried about returning home in case he was charged with desertion.

But time heals old wounds — and Puskas was welcomed home with open arms.



Paul Breitner

Brazil favored

If you want to lay some early bets on the 1982 World Cup, here are the odds of the London bookies:

- 3/1 Brazil
- 6/1 West Germany
- 8/1 Argentina
- 10/1 England...

It's 4/1 that the final will be between Brazil and Germany.

CANDID REF

Karoly Palotai, the Hungarian referee of the recent European Champions' Cup final between Liverpool and Real Madrid, made some strange comments in a Budapest daily.

He admitted that he could have sent off Alan Kennedy for butting into the face of an opponent — but he didn't.

"It occurred to me that I could ruin the game," he said.

Palotai also admitted that 'secretly' he was happy when Liverpool had scored towards the end what turned out to be the winning goal.

"At least I didn't have to do any overtime," he added.

Puskas (right) with Di Stefano in their Madrid days.

In fact, he immediately joined an "old boys" team, together with other great players of his era such as Sandor, Hidegkuti and Szusza and played the curtain-raiser to a packed Népstadion before the recent Hungary v England World Cup match.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

• Former Ferencvaros star Dr. Miklos Pancsics has become the assistant secretary of the Hungarian Association.

• West Germany won the first European junior championship, beating Poland 1-0 in the final.

• Belgian champions Anderlecht have signed from Standard Liege national team defender Renquin.

• The hopes of Italian clubs keen to sign the Brazilian Zico have been dashed as the blond superstar has signed a new two-year contract with Flamengo of Rio.

• Alfredo Di Stefano, once the Real Madrid ace, will be the new technical director of River Plate in Buenos Aires.

• Johan Cruyff, now playing — on a week by week basis — for Spanish second division club Levante — underwent minor muscle surgery in a Barcelona clinic.

• Boldenklub Vejle won the Danish Cup, beating Frem 2-1 in the final.

• After their championship win, AZ 67 Alkmaar also clinched the Dutch Cup, beating Ajax 3-1. Alkmaar's stars in the match were Peters and the Swedish Nygaard.

• Real Sociedad's midfielder Zamora is the most valuable Spanish player, according to the Madrid weekly "Don Balon," valued at \$2,000,000.

• Former German international (1966, 1970 World Cups) Sigi Held will be the new coach of the relegated Schalke in Germany.

• Billy Bremner, the ex-Leeds midfiield dynamo and now manager of Doncaster, is a chief candidate for the Manchester United job.

• Queens Park's young striker Clive Allam: "I've signed a long contract with the club. For me that probably means at least six months..."

• Quini was the top scorer in the Spanish championship despite his five weeks in the hands of kidnappers. Barcelona claim that without that mishap they would have won the Spanish title.

• German manager Jupp Derwall: "We would improve our soccer enormously if we would play the Brazilians once a week..."

• The continuing Schuster-affair: the blond German star, with Barcelona, says he doesn't care if he never plays for the German national team again. But manager Jupp Derwall says Schuster is "welcome anytime."

• Ipswich manager Bobby Robson has decided to stay with his club — but has added that he would be available to take over from Ron Greenwood anytime the England manager resigned.

• According to FIFA president Joao Havelange, Brazil — his native country — has an excellent chance of organising the 1994 World Cup.

• Feyenoord's Czech manager Vladek Jezek has resigned and will return to Prague. The new boss of the Dutch club will be Westerhof, his former assistant.

• Indonesia's new national coach is the German Ben Fischer, having signed a two-year contract.

• The German Association's net income from the recent international against Brazil was a cool \$800,000 from the 70,000 spectators and TV rights.

• From next season, Swiss and West German referees will work on an "exchange" basis in one another's championship matches.

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PREVIEW OF PSL ROUND 18

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

STAR PARADE



Boden

Sydney City's surge towards the top will reach a vital milestone against Canberra — but the same can be said about the Federal boys, too.

Kosmina, after his suspension, will return to the attack and this is certain to add extra power to the team.

Canberra often play their best games in Sydney — last year in the corresponding match they outclassed their opponents.

This will be an exciting and entertaining match with a lot of stars in action and perhaps the home side's chances look a shade brighter.

Our tip: Sydney City 3-2.

REKINDLED

Having shed four points in their last three games, South Melbourne will be anxious to rekindle the old fire and sustain their title bid.

They will have a chance to get back on the winning list against a hapless Footscray.

Souths are likely to be pushing forward for most of the game and they will have to watch out for any sudden breaks by Footscray, especially by Lujic.

Still, Evans and his partners are likely to be quite a handful for the slowed-down Footscray defenders.

Our tip: South Melbourne 2-0.



Xanthopoulos

DRAW-MINDED



Fleming

Having drawn more than half their games so far, Wollongong need a few wins to stay in contention near the top.

Scoring goals has been their main problem most of the season as their attack is anything but robust.

Lions — another team which is fond of draws — will hope for the return of Bob Latchford to break any possible deadlock.

They may also be on the goal-shy side but their defence remains impeccably organised and one of the hardest to pierce in the PSL.

Our tip: 1-1.

NEW BLOOM

Even if the old style is still missing, Leichhardt's dash and spirit have returned as their high position on the table proves.

Their defence has become very tight, thanks largely to Peter Wilson now enjoying his second bloom.

Blacktown's unexpected derailment last week could well sting them into a frenzied action at Lambert Park.

Djordjevic may not find the narrow confines of Lambert Park to his liking and yet, with a bit of luck, they could go very close to snatching a point.

Our tip: 1-1.



Pullen

GOAL TOUCH



Marocchi

This will be some clash to see: high-riding Adelaide City, with Fashanu, against the spirited and combative Olympic, minus The Doc.

Coach Bob D'Ottavi has some injury problems with Perin and Northcote but if they both play, they should continue their excellent run that has brought them into serious title calculations.

Olympic, under new management (unknown at the time of writing) won't give in easily but it's hard to see them getting any visible rewards for their efforts.

Our tip: Adelaide City 3-1.

RELEGATION

Having got their second wind, Newcastle have every reason to feel confident about their clash with West Adelaide.

With the internal turmoil largely behind them and with Mick Channon inspiring their attack, the Novocastrians look far too powerful and mobile to fear an upset.

West Adelaide, it seems, move relentlessly closer to the relegation zone and could soon lose contact with the group of teams just ahead of them.

Nothing but a mighty shake-up and stunning revival could now save Westad's bacon — and they'd better try to start in Newcastle.

Our tip: Newcastle 3-1.



Senkalski

POUNDEROUS

Brisbane City's heavy defeat last Sunday could turn out to be costly to the Queenslanders.

Now, back at home, they will be a different proposition and must be given a chance for a quick recovery.

Marconi still don't click, with a ponderous midfield neither assisting the defence nor aiding the attack.

The front runners are almost totally out of touch and have lost even their confidence to an extent where in the goalmouth they prefer to lay off the ball rather than hit it.

Our tip: Brisbane City 2-1.

COME, FLY WITH ME



Eddie Krncevic (left) and Gary Marocchi in an aerial ballet last week.



Adcity's goalie Jack Przybylski sprawled to save a Marconi shot last Sunday.

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NO STEAM

Preston appear to have run out of steam: despite their earlier promising results they are now struggling to pick up a point here and there.

Against Heidelberg, back under the expert care of Len McKendry, their prospects look dim.

Doug Brown will be missing from the Preston side, having been sent off and coach Brian Edgeley may decide to use Peter Ollerton up front to grab a goal or two.

Our tip: Heidelberg 3-1.



Jankovics



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TEAM OF ROUND 17

WOODHOUSE (Leichhardt)

RUSSELL
(Adcity)
BYRNE
(Canberra)
MAROCCHI
(Adcity)
LOW
(Bris.City)

WILSON
(Leichhardt)
SOUNESS
(Sydney City)
BRENNAN
(Canberra)
KATHOLOS
(Olympic)
JENNINGS
(Olympic)

R.O'SHEA
(Canberra)

* Due to an absence of Melbourne match reports, the team had to be based on 12 teams.

DUNLOP
SPORTS 
FOOTWEAR

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*		1-0	3-2	1-0		3-1		0-1		4-1	1-0	0-1	1-2		
ADELAIDE HAWKS	0-3	*	2-0					1-2		0-2	0-1	4-0	1-2	0-0		
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5	4-0	*		2-2			3-1	0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2				
BRISBANE GLADIATORS	2-1		*		0-0	2-0		0-0					3-0	2-0	1-0	
BRISBANE LIONS	3-1		1-0	*	1-0	4-0		0-0			0-1	2-1	1-1		1-1	
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2	3-0		*	5-0		0-1		2-2		2-1	2-0		
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1	2-0				*	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2			1-0	1-1	
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	2-0		2-0		1-1		*			0-0	1-2	2-3	1-0		0-3	
LEICHARDT STRIKERS	3-0				0-0	2-0	2-2	*		1-1	2-1			0-1		
MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-4	1-0		1-1	2-1	0-2		3-1		*			1-0		1-1	
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	10-0				1-0			2-1		1-0	*	2-0		1-1	1-3	1-0
NEWCASTLE KB					1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	3-0				*	4-0	1-2	1-1
PRESTON RAMS					2-3	1-1		0-1	3-0	3-1	0-0	1-1	*	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0				0-0		1-3	2-0	2-2		2-1	*	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS					1-0			1-0		5-0	4-1	2-0		*		
WOLLONGONG WOLVES					1-1	0-0		2-1	3-4	1-1			2-2	3-1		*

NEARLY BOTCHED IT

— By Allan Crisp

An unaccountable lapse in concentration during the final eight minutes spoiled an otherwise brilliant display by Australia when they toppled Taiwan 3-2 in the World Cup elimination tie at Hindmarsh Stadium last week.

What could have been an absolute triumph for the Socceroos and their new coach Les Scheinfug was reduced to a narrow victory due to late defensive laxity.

Not that victory in any form should be scorned in this frustrating series, but Australia had Taiwan reeling on the ropes only to fail to deliver an effective knockout punch.

With Youth Socceroos Robert Wheatley, Steve Blair and David Mitchell in the line-up along with Alan Davidson, 20, Eddie Krnecovic, 20, Peter Katholos, 23 and John Kosmina, 24, Australia had their youngest senior team ever to be fielded in a full A class international match.

From the outset it seemed the Socceroos would blunt the bitter memories of their dreadful inadequacies against New Zealand as they revealed hitherto unknown qualities.

In the Sydney debacle Australia found it impossible to string together more than two passes, but this time the Socceroos combined cohesively and with style.

The Socceroos stormed forward in droves

forcing the Taiwanese to funnel back in a nine-man defensive formation.

Suddenly there was a sporting rarity.

Nothing Australia had shown against New Zealand or Indonesia could have prepared us for this virtual overnight phenomenon, for out of the blue, we were confronted by an Australian team capable of wresting the initiative from an international side.

And, although Taiwan are arguably less formidable than NZ or even Indonesia, there can be little doubt that they lived up to their pre-match propaganda of rating high in skill factors.

Yet, here was an Australian team with players possessing skills equal to those of the opposition and in some cases, superior to those of the Taiwanese.

Alan Davidson, Gary Byrne, Peter Katholos and Tony Henderson outclassed the opposition with devastating skills and the latter capped his performance with a superb solo effort to score Australia's first goal.

Henderson left a trail of groping, clawing opponents in his wake as he started his sortie from his side of the field to burst through Taiwan's offside trap and burst past five furtive tackles before beating goalkeeper Chin-wang Lin with an angled ground shot.

It was vintage stuff; Henderson's run looked like a customer madly rushing through a crowded Chinese restaurant.

Kosmina returned to the scene of some of his greatest triumphs to make it 2-0 for the Socceroos 11 minutes into the second half when he got on the end of a fine right wing cross from young Mitchell.

It was Kosmina's eighth World Cup goal and it heralded a successful recall to the national side.

Byrne was the ideal midfield motor in his first game for Australia since 1979 and it was he who notched goal number three after Kosmina was flattened by Chien-wu Jong and a penalty awarded.

There were 22 minutes left after that spot-kick for Australia to increase their advantage and really thumb their noses at New Zealand who had managed only a 2-0 win over Taiwan.

But, then came Taiwan's eight minutes of glory as they swept forward to score twice.

TOP PSL SCORERS

BODEN (Syd.City) 8
MITCHELL (Adcity) 7
OLLERTON (Preston) 7
CHRISTOPoulos (S.M.) 6
EVANS (St.Melb.) 6
SHARNE (Marconi) 6
GIBSON (Canberra) 5
MILLMAN (Lions) 5
J. NYSKOHOUS (Adcity) 5
VALERI (Canberra) 5
WILKINSON (Bris.City) 5

How Deng-Chyan Duh was allowed to slip through on the right flank and on into the penalty box completely unchallenged will remain one of the greatest mysteries of this sporting year.

And an even bigger poser is how that same player was able to perform an "instant replay" of his effort to bring acute embarrassment to the Socceroos.

Australia are undefeated since Scheinfug replaced Gutendorf and are geared for the overseas leg of their campaign.

AUSTRALIA v TAIWAN
3-2 (1-0)

Australia (4-4-2)
Maher (3), Wheatley (3), Blair (4), Henderson (4), Davidson (5), Byrne (5),

Katholos (4), Barnes (2), Krnecovic (3), Kosmina (4), Mitchell (4).

Taiwan (4-4-1)

Deng-chyan Duh (4), Chang Kuo-chi (3), Jyh-ton Lo (3), Jau-sin Wu (3), Deng-sheng Duh (2), Chien-wu Jong (4), Chieh-hsiang Hsu (4), Chen Sing (4), Tson-fu Chow (4), Ing-ren Chen (3), Chin-wang Lin (4).

Replacements: Shyh-Yuh Cheng (25m) for Chin-wang Lin, Huey-shyong Chang (63m) for Chien-wu Jong.

Goals: 1-0 Henderson (18m), 2-0 Kosmina (56m), 3-0 Byrne (68m. pen.), 3-1 Deng-chyan Duh (82m), 3-2 Deng-chyan Duh (90m). Referee: Vijit Getkaen (Thailand) — Crowd: 3,200.

AGGREGATE

P W D L F A ± P

	P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A		
1 STH.MELBOURNE	16	7	8	1	21	14	+	7	22	8	5	2	1	9	5	12	8	2	6	—	12	9	10
2 SYDNEY CITY	15	9	3	3	24	12	+	12	21	7	5	2	—	15	3	12	8	4	1	3	9	9	9
3 CANBERRA	17	8	5	4	23	11	+	12	21	9	4	3	2	17	8	11	8	4	2	2	6	3	10
4 ADELAIDE CITY	17	9	3	5	28	17	+	11	21	9	6	—	3	14	8	12	8	3	3	2	14	9	9
5 LEICHARDT	16	7	6	3	20	13	+	7	20	7	3	3	1	10	5	9	9	4	3	2	10	8	11
6 BRISBANE CITY	17	7	6	4	17	12	+	5	20	8	6	2	—	12	2	14	9	1	4	4	5	10	6
7 LIONS	16	5	7	4	20	15	+	5	17	9	5	3	1	13	5	13	7	—	4	3	7	10	4
8 WOLLONGONG	17	6	5	6	23	25	—	2	17	9	5	3	1	16	10	13	8	1	2	5	7	7	4
9 OLYMPIC	17	4	9	4	21	18	+	3	17	8	2	4	2	12	11	8	9	2	5	2	9	7	9
10 MARCONI	15	7	3	5	15	19	—	4	17	9	5	2	2	12	10	12	6	2	1	3	3	9	5
11 NEWCASTLE	16	6	3	7	20	22	—	2	15	8	2	3	3	11	8	7	8	4	—	4	9	14	8
12 HEIDELBERG	16	4	4	8	21	28	—	7	12	8	3	2	3	9	9	8	8	1	2	5	12	19	4
13 PRESTON	17	4	4	9	20	28	—	8	12	8	3	3											



WEEKEND GUIDE TO

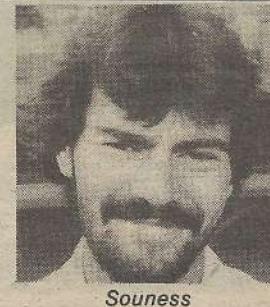
PHILIPS LEAGUE



SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 14. Gomez, 15. Muniz, 16. Patikas, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

Sunday, 3pm
Sydney Athletic Field



Souness

PAST RESULTS

1977: Sydney City v Canberra 2-1
1978: Sydney City v Canberra 3-0
1979: Sydney City v Canberra 2-1
1980: Sydney City v Canberra 0-2



Farrell

CANBERRA CITY

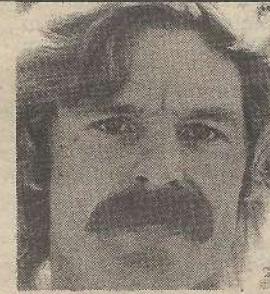
Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos, 16. Farrell, 21. Hoszowski. Coach: G. Murray.

REFEREE: A. Boskovic
Linesmen: R. Barton
P. Wood

LEICHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Harding, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 17. Watts, 18. Gray, 19. Casacchia, 20. Parkes. Coach: W. Wallace.

Sunday, 3pm
Lambert Park



P. Wilson

PAST RESULTS

1980: Leichhardt v Blacktown 0-0



Pollard

BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Mannino, 12. Quaraby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 18. Milosevic, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Basic.

REFEREE: H. Witschge
Linesmen: B. Fowler
K. Tooke

WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

Sunday, 3pm
Wollongong Showground



Ainsworth

PAST RESULTS

Wollongong v Lions for the first time.



Lowndes

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 13. Latchford, 14. Ogden, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lowndes. Coach: J. Gilroy.

REFEREE: G. Power
Linesmen: K. Small,
M. Loupis

NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. McClelland, 18. Storey, 20. Gosling. Coach: R. Baartz.

Sunday, 2.30pm
International Sports Centre



McClelland

PAST RESULTS

1978: Newcastle v West Adelaide 0-1
1979: Newcastle v West Adelaide 0-0
1980: Newcastle v West Adelaide 2-0



McGregor

WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymczyszyn, 3. Pillans, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Boyle, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 15. Marisic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: P. Jaks.

REFEREE: D. Rennie
Linesmen: J. Tattersall,
B. Ray

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 14. Miller, 15. Manou, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D' Ottavi.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Olympic Sports Field



Northcote

PAST RESULTS

1977: Adelaide City v Olympic 3-0
1978: Adelaide City v Olympic 0-1
1979: Adelaide City v Olympic 1-0



Raskopoulos

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

REFEREE: G. Neal
Linesmen: T. Martell,
K. Stokes

BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 12. Tripp, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

Sunday, 3pm
Spencer Park



Kelso

PAST RESULTS

1977: Brisbane City v Marconi 0-1
1978: Brisbane City v Marconi 0-3
1979: Brisbane City v Marconi 3-4
1980: Brisbane City v Marconi 2-1



Krncevic

MARCONI

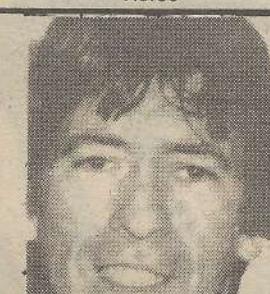
Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariami, 11. Sharne, 12. Picioane, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Tomasic, 17. Colusso, 18. Johnston, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Blanco.

REFEREE: D. Miles
Linesmen: J. Wood
A. Kibbler

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 20. Clayton. Coach: B. Edgeley.

Sunday, 3pm
Conner Reserve



McMillan

PAST RESULTS

Preston v Heidelberg for the first time.



Paton

HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrory, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 18. Monagle, 20. Reilly. Coach: J. Rooney.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge
Linesmen: D. Fokianos
N. Karlich

STH. MELBOURNE

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatidis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

Sunday, 3pm
Middle Park



Christopoulos

PAST RESULTS

1977: Sth. Melbourne v Footscray 0-2
1978: Sth. Melbourne v Footscray 4-0
1979: Sth. Melbourne v Footscray 1-1
1980: Sth. Melbourne v Footscray 3-0



Ilioski

FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakouleas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 11. McLaughlin, 12. McIvor, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne, 19. Potter. Coach: C. Cirkovic.

REFEREE: J. Fearn
Linesman: D. Voutsinas
J. Brennan

SCOREBOARD

BRISBANE LIONS v LEICHHARDT 0-0

Lions (4-3-3)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Referee: J. Reeves — Crowd: 1,950 — Caution: Coyne

This was a dour, determined struggle with most of the stars in defence.

However, despite that there was some interesting soccer played, especially by Lions who could not be accused of "playing for a point" despite the fact that manager Gilroy had his problems during the week when Alan Niven called off, Paul Ontong spent a week in bed with flu, and Bob Latchford's injury did not mend enough to allow his participation.

On the other hand the majestic Wilson rallied his troops around him and handled everything that the keen young Lions forwards could throw at them.

MAJESTIC

With an impasse reached it was left to McLean and Hogg to send in the shots from well out only to find the flying Woodhouse equal to the task with tremendous fingertip saves touching the ball over the bar.

The match started with the Leichhardt forwards switching positions frequently in an effort to confuse the solid Lions backline but Hermiston and Co. were not to be fooled by that tactic and they easily rebuffed any attacks.

Only once did the Sydney boys breach the

In fact a stronger referee would have booked Woodhouse for his deliberate go-slow in fielding the ball.

Lions pressed incessantly with every man working hard for a goal but always there was Wilson and Woodhouse.

Leichhardt had a few sporadic raids but found Lownds also in good touch, one save, from a Coyne grounder, deserving mention.

Time ran out for the homesteaders but the youngsters could hold their heads high for they will not meet up with a Wilson/Woodhouse tandem every week and with experience will come confidence.

— Jim Binnie

wall and Soper wasted the chance when he headed into Lownd's arms.

At the other end Daunt, working very hard, almost caught Woodhouse with a great volley on the turn but the ball screamed wide.

During the half Pullen hurt a leg and after the break Mackie replaced him, with Coyne falling back.

McLean gradually took control of the middle and as the second half progressed it became more apparent Leichhardt would be happy with a point.

against the underside of the crossbar.

Willie Murray started the winning move when he shoved over a right wing cross which Barnes dummied and the alert Souness was on hand to slide in a ground shot.

The Slackers would have had the clincher four minutes earlier but for that expert craftsman Martyn Crook who made a brilliant diving save from a stinging drive by substitute Jim Cant.

For good measure, Crook also tipped another threatening attempt from Souness over his crossbar just a minute before Souness grabbed his second goal.

— Allan Crisp

WEST ADELAIDE v SYDNEY CITY 1-2(1-1)

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Wright (76m) for Lorenzoni, McKie (80m) for Koulianios, Cant (64m) for Gomez, Robertson (78m) for Souness.
Goals: 0-1 Souness (27m), 1-1 Topaz (35m), 1-2 Souness (69m).
Referee: C. Cambridge (Vic.) — Crowd: 2,900 — Caution: Mullen.

The overall objective view of this result is that, while it was great for the Sydney Slackers, it could have unfortunate ramifications for the Phillips League.

With two matches up their silken sleeves, the win here at wind-swept Hindmarsh kept the Slackers firmly on course for yet another championship success.

A monopoly on the title would not be good, while at the other end of the scale, this result sank Westad deeper into the relegation mire.

And since Adelaide or South Australia has no suitable successor to replace Westad, it could be doomed to a national league on a restricted once per fortnight home match basis.

But, all is not yet lost for the Hawks if they can reproduce Sunday's fighting form in their remaining matches.

On paper, the recent Westad side looked the weakest for the season, but from the kick-off they wrested the initiative from their favored opponents.

Westad's midfield trio, Graham Honeyman, Ian McGregor and young Tim Brown intermingled skill and a high pressure work rate to win out over Murray Barnes, Joe Watson and Ian Souness in the first half.

In retrospect, these

SILKEN

must have been the only worthwhile tactics because Westad do not have the resources to play a composed waiting game.

On their clever and persistent rate of possession, the Hawks deserved a shock breakthrough, but it was the Slackers who broke the ice when Souness cracked home a 27th minute first-time shot following a freekick.

Westad were on level terms eight minutes later as former Israeli international Shraga Topaz headed the ball in after Brown had nodded a George Koulianios corner.

WITH REGRET

Because of the various strikes and disputes, we have been unable to make any human contact with our Melbourne reporters via rail, mail, phone, spy satellite or neutral Switzerland.

As a result, details of the two PSL matches played in Melbourne last week could not be published in this issue.

These will be published, hopefully, in our next week's edition.

Meanwhile, we have begun training a flock of carrier pigeons — our own Pigearoos — for future mail and telecommunication strikes.

— The Editor



Brian Henderson, the Marconi sweeper, tackles Adelaide City's Brian Northcote in last Sunday's PSL match at Marconi Stadium.

WESTFIELD SCOREBOARD

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MARCONI v ADELAIDE CITY 1-4(0-4)

Marconi (4-3-3)

Degney (3)	Henderson (4)	Mariani (3)	Prskalo (3)
Housseini (3)	Bryne (3)	Picioane (3)	
Sharne (2)	Krnicevic (2)	Jankovics (3)	
Northcote (3)	Mitchell (4)	J. Nyskohus (3)	
Manou (3)	Marocchi (4)	Villani (4)	
B. Nyskohus (4)	Perin (4)	Jones (4)	Russell (4)
		Przybylski (3)	

Adeelaide City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Miller (55m) for Perin, Melta (68m) for Northcote, Johnston (72m) for Picioane.
Goals: 0-1 Mitchell (1m), 0-2 Villani (20m), 0-3 Marocchi (39m), 0-4 Northcote (42m), 1-4 Jankovics (50m).
Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 4,500 — Cautions: Henderson.

CANBERRA v BRISBANE CITY 3-0(1-0)

Canberra (4-3-3)

M. O'Shea (4)	Byrne (5)	Stark (4)	R. O'Shea (4)
Cole (3)	J. O'Shea (4)	Purdie (4)	
McLaren (4)	Brennan (6)	Gibson (3)	
Palinkas (3)	Wilkinson (3)	McVeigh (2)	
Gaffney (3)	Pimblett (3)	Hamilton (2)	
B. Wilkinson (3)	Dunne (3)	Ratcliffe (2)	Caldwell (2)
			Coe (2)

Brisbane (4-3-3)

Replacements: Farrell (46m) for Cole, Kelso (61m) for Hamilton, Valeri (75m) for Brennan.
Goals: 1-0 McLaren (41m), 2-0 Brennan (56m), 3-0 Purdie (42m).
Referee: K. Allen — Crowd: 2,981 — Caution: Kelso.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v PRESTON 2-1(2-0)

Olympic (4-3-3)

Moulis (3)	Ziros (4)	Rowden (3)	Scott (3)
K. Wilson (3)	Katholos (4)	Raskopoulos (3)	
Laing (3)	Koussas (3)	Jennings (4)	
Faulkner (3)	Ollerton (3)	Whittle (2)	
Petrovski (3)	Flavell (3)	Brown (1)	Lucchesi (3)
	McMillan (3)	McCluskey (3)	Rainey (3)
	Kastner (3)		

Preston (4-4-2)

Replacements: Little (50m) for Faulkner, Cotton (58m) for Ziros, Higham (73m) for Petrovski.
Goals: 1-0 Koussas (33m), 2-0 Jennings (38m), 2-1 Whittle (70m).
Referee: T. Boskovic; crowd: 6,150; cautions: Brown, McMillan, Lucchesi; sent off: Brown.

BLACKTOWN v NEWCASTLE 1-2(0-2)

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Wheatley (3)	Milovanovic (3)	Pointer (3)	Rasmussen (3)
Selvage (3)	Hormazabal (2)	O'Donnell (3)	
Djordjevic (3)	Jones (4)	Burrows (4)	
Jones (3)	Mountford (3)	Heys (3)	
Senkowski (4)	Mason (4)	Sumner (3)	
Treddinnick (4)	Drinkwater (3)	Sneddon (3)	Reaney (3)
		Dando (5)	

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Replacements: B. Turner (46m) for Hormazabal.
Goals: 0-1 Heys (13m), 0-2 Treddinnick (36m), 1-2 Jones (81m).
Referee: R. Lorenc — Crowd: 3,348 — Cautions: Burrows, Pointer, Sneddon.

The sad saga of Marconi continued with a humiliating defeat which, but for Adelaide City's charity, could have been catastrophic.

In the first half Adcity showed all the delights of modern soccer: quick interchanges, intelligent running off the ball and very fast breaks on the flanks.

Orchestrated by Marocchi from the middle, the Adcity machine cut holes in the square and sluggish Marconi defence at will.

The match started ominously when, after just one minute, Russell was allowed to break on the right to send in a cross which the unmarked Mitchell calmly despatched.

Brisbane City, playing a brand of soccer which would send chronic insomniacs into a blissful coma, succumbed from the first minute to the Canberra Arrows whose enthusiasm, verve and drive was guaranteed to lead them to victory.

The first goal, four minutes before halftime, a sharp header from a corner by Donald McLaren became a formality as Canberra forwards had already frittered away many chances.

Duncan Cole was unfortunate to see a shot of his slam into the crossbar while Ian Gibson beat the defence only to see the ball run away from his feet with

If the crowd of over 6,000 had turned up at Pratten Park expecting to see a feast of attacking soccer to 'commemorate' the Doc's last premiership match in charge of Olympic, they would have been more than a little disappointed.

In fact, as the crowd streamed towards the gates at fulltime it would have been easy for a casual observer to have thought Olympic had lost, such were the long faces on the fans.

Olympic over the past few months have set themselves a high standard: their aggressive, no nonsense attacking style had won them back

After last week's demolition job on Westad, the Demons looked a sure bet to give the hot-cold running Newcastle Raiders a dose of western hospitality.

Alas, Blacktown seemed to lose faith in their ability to string together two match winning performances in front of their own supporters.

Their lethargic start saw them in arrears, after only 13 minutes when Heys capitalised on a defensive blunder just inside the penalty area and buried the ball in the net.

After this brief interlude of excitement both teams struggled to find some semblance of cohesion and teamwork.

Referee Richard

DISASTROUS

The much more composed and better organised Adcity controlled the game and the other goals just had to come.

In the 20th minute, after a series of promising raids, young Villani marched forward unchallenged and slammed a lovely 20-metre shot into the roof.

Marconi were groggy, stuttering around aimlessly, their midfielders constantly caught with the ball, their strikers unable to create a chance.

Just before halftime the rout was completed.

First a mean, low 18-metre shot by Marocchi was buried in the left corner then a Northcote thunderbolt smashed in under the bar.

Perhaps the jeers of the fans at halftime woke Marconi from its coma, perhaps Adcity decided to conserve energy for Wednesday's Cup game.

Whichever, the second half produced a sharp reversal in the game's pattern.

A much more determined Marconi began to move forward and, after five minutes, Jankovics scored a clever goal from Picioane's pass.

Although this was a vastly different Marconi now, they never looked like getting back into the match.

Their attacks were stereotyped and neither the semi-fit Sharne nor the woefully out of touch Krnecic even looked like scoring.

In the 59th minute only a sliding tackle by Henderson robbed Villani right in the goalmouth and seven minutes later Maher had to dive on Mitchell's feet to smother a shot.

One always had the feeling, even when Marconi were pressing, that the visitors had the situation well under control.

— Andrew Dettre

INSOMNIAC

only the open goal in front of him.

Brisbane's only first half chance was a header cleared off the line by Terry Byrne who was ever vigilant in the Canberra defence.

Tony Brennan was a constant threat, playing the style of mercurial brilliant soccer which few can match and he finally was rewarded when he posted Canberra's second goal.

It was a dipping Ian Purdie centre which hovered in the box and Brennan dashed goalward to head the ball home.

When Ian Purdie cracked a 20-metre

rocket past the hapless Martin Coe he only emphasised the complete insipidness of the Queenslanders who seemed like a troupe of B grade movie Gladiators.

The likeable and practical Gladiators coach, George Potter, will have to work midweek miracles to get his team on their winning ways once again.

— Peter Kunz

INSPIRED

the groves of disenchanted Greek supporters.

The cluster of Australian-Greek lads in the team like Koussas, Raskopoulos, Ziros, Moulis and Katholos has also endeared the team once more to the supporters.

But their performance against Preston was well below par.

For the first half an hour Olympic were doing more defending than attacking.

Katholos once again was the inspiration, but neither Raskopoulos nor Ken Wilson provided

much backing for long periods.

For all his effort and courage Koussas just simply lacks class and wasted far too many scoring chances, in the first half and especially the second.

To give him credit, he did poach the first goal after 33 minutes.

Kastner made the unpardonable mistake of dropping the ball after having gathered a Wilson header from Moulis' cross, and Koussas was on hand to flick the ball home.

Olympic raised their

tempo suddenly and grabbed a vital second goal five minutes later.

Wilson made a brilliant run on the right and fired in a low cross.

Jennings dashed in from the opposite wing and met the ball to send a scorching shot past a bewildered Kastner.

Laing and Jennings did a tremendous amount of work on the flanks, but until the addition of Cotton in the second half the forward line lacked flair.

A suicidal backpass by an Olympic defender sent the ball straight to Whittle "marked" only by team-mate Ollerton.

— Paul James

LETHARGIC

Lorenc had his hands full trying to cool the frayed tempers as both teams were frustrated in search of the magic touch.

Then, out of the blue, a clever flick by Sumner from an innocent looking freekick saw defender Tredinnick ghost behind the defence and slip the ball into the net.

The rest of the opening half saw the Blacktown defence try to counter the well organised Newcastle midfield.

Nevertheless, no matter what chances the Demons created, Dando and his defence held on for all they were worth.

Burrows and Jones tried hard to break through but Blacktown again relied too heavily on the quiet Djordjevic to produce the openings.

sit back and hold onto their two-goal lead and for the first 10 minutes of the half they looked quite comfortable in achieving their task.

Newcastle, however, by giving away the initiative, played into Blacktown's hands and were soon hard pressed to keep a grip on the game.

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Despite the pressure exerted by the Demons and the fact that Newcastle ventured into foreign territory only twice in the whole half, the goal that was scored was so elementary the whole idea of breaking through a massed defence using intricate passing and ballwork seems comically absurd.

Milovanovic floated a long freekick from the centre circle, Peter Jones with his back to the goal, rose above the defence and glanced the ball past a hesitant Phil Dando.

The last nine minutes must have seemed endless for Newcastle as Blacktown threw everything forward to snatch an equaliser.

— Mike Mikolajczyk

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



Sharks happy with referees

"I have been a hard critic of referees for a long while — having been a referee myself — but I'm not adverse to handing out a bit of praise when its deserved," said Sutherland secretary Laurie Haynes.

"Graham Warne did an excellent job last week in the match against Croatia and contributed largely to the high standard of soccer."

"In fact, all three referees in the three grades were top class last Sunday," Laurie said.

"It's a long time since I've been able to say that."

Laurie said he was confident the team would recover from the loss to Croatia and improve its position.

"We played some good stuff and I don't think the score really reflects the character of the game," he said.

"The side should be bolstered in the coming weeks with some new players."

"We have worked out an agreement with Leichhardt to have some of their excess staff play with us."

Laurie said coach John Watkiss had talked with Leichhardt officials about the prospects of lending some players to Sutherland.

"John — who is a former APIA player — still has some contacts at the club," he said.

"Leichhardt felt that they would suddenly have a glut of players

challenging for first team positions.

"With Giampaolo and Butler about to re-enter the race for first team positions, Leichhardt felt their young players would be better off playing in the State League than loitering in the PSL youth competition," he said.

At present Sutherland have received confirmation that John Bradley would be playing with them for the remainder of the season.

"He is only 21 and by all reports has been quite impressive in matches so far," Laurie said.

"We are hopeful that another player with first team experience at Leichhardt will join Bradley," he said.



Mark Barton prods home St. George's first goal last Saturday

NORTHS DO IT JUST FOR LOVE

North Sydney has been at the centre of some controversy recently regarding their alleged 'broke' financially state.

The club has strenuously denied the rumours and has in fact secured sponsorship, putting them on a sounder footing than they have been for many months.

The players have also responded to the attacks on the club by putting 100 percent into their performances, as was shown when last week they forced St. George to struggle for their 4-3 victory.

"That was a marvellous performance by the boys," said Norths coach Fil Bottalico.

"It showed that there is great team spirit."

"Saints had only conceded five goals before the match — showing that their defence is one of the best in the league."

"But our lads pierced it three times and had we had a little more luck and a smaller injury list I'm certain we would have held them," Fil said.

Fil said the Norths team was much younger than he had planned to field at this stage of the competition.

"We have several boys who are only 17," he said.

"Robbie Lucchesi, Rob Rettore, Maurice Termazana and Paul Katsavitis are all virtually fresh out of the third grade side, but are developing into good first team players," Fil said.

"We have been honest with the players."

"We told them that there were problems in the club."

"We said that we

would honour our commitments to the players and it has been heartening to see their reactions," Fil added.

"I believe that these lads are what I'd call genuine soccer players."

"They are more interested about getting into the first grade team — or in fact into any of the sides — on the weekend, and playing their best, than worrying

about match payments and bonuses."

"For them that is something to worry about later."

"Their keenness and dedication is what convinces me that we will keep on moving further away from the relegation zone," Fil said.

Fil said he was worried by the fact that his injury list was growing.

"We have now lost my

son Alex and Vic Lilli, two valuable players."

"Vic has been having a good season in goal while Alex has also been playing well."

"I had been hoping that injuries would spare us for a while to give us some breathing space."

"Paul Katsavitis is a good goalkeeper and Robbie Lucchesi fitted into the team well last week," Fil said.



North's goalie P. Katsavitis tips a shot over the crossbar in Saturday's game against the Saints.

Yellow fever hits

"We have had some problems this year with our line-ups," said Canterbury official Con Tzavalas.

"Either through injury or suspension we have been unable to field the same forward line two weeks in a row."

"And considering we have some players like Ross Brown, Chris Thannidis and Craig Hall, that is a bitter blow to us," he said.

"It hasn't been our lucky year, that's for certain."

"One of the things that worries me personally is the number of suspensions that the players have been getting."

"I wouldn't say that our side is a dirty one, nor are we very tough tacklers," he said.

"But it is a fact that in the modern game there is an incredible amount of defending and invariably the tackling gets very tough."

Con said he felt the emphasis on defence nowadays in soccer had led to more cautions and expulsions.

"You get the situation where there are often seven or eight men defending around their own penalty area."

"Tackles come thick and fast and inevitably there is the time when the striker can evade one or two challenges, but the third one catches him."

"And because he is off-balance, the tackle looks worse than it actually was."

Con said he felt referees had to take a firmer stand on aggressive tackling early in matches.

"We have had some players booked and even sent off this year because they have been 'pushed' so far by opponents and have eventually retaliated."

"We all know that is a

foolish thing to do — but it is a normal reaction if you are constantly being tripped, pushed and shoved."

"Referees should stamp their authority on the match right from the outset."

"We have seen some excellent refereeing displays this year, and they have taken control from the start, letting the players get on with the match and yet clamping down on offenders," he said.

"Players and coaches

are more obsessed with not losing rather than winning."

"How many times have you seen players and the team bench clapping when a player 'plays safe' and passes the ball back to the goalkeeper?"

"We need to reward skill more."

"Once we start to get our side fully fit and clear up our injury problems I think Canterbury will start to seriously challenge the leaders," he added.

B'TOWN IS WORRIED

"We weren't really worried about the prospect of relegation until the last few weeks," said Bankstown secretary Jim Giffin.

"But it is a real spectre now."

"We are on the bottom and we have to face facts that the worse could come about," he said.

Jim said, however, that the club was not just sitting around waiting for the 'end' to come.

"We are determined to do everything we can to give the first grade side what they need to get out of trouble," he said.

"There is a big meeting of everyone in the Bankstown district this Wednesday."

"We are hoping that we can get the various local associations behind us to give us the support we need to get the first team on a sound footing."

Jim said there was more to the meeting than just the first grade team's position.

"We want to find out what the soccer people of Bankstown feel."

"We want to know how they feel towards the Federation sides," Jim said.

how they feel we can help them and how they can help us."

"Through our sponsor, Globe Datsun of Bankstown, we have been getting more involved with various junior associations in the area."

"What we want to happen is that the boys playing soccer eventually have the ambition of playing for Bankstown in the State League."

"We are not a strong club financially, like some of the other clubs."

"We can't afford to buy wholesale on the market, and so we have to rely on the young blood from the area."

"Jim said some of the best players in the state had come from Bankstown's juniors."

"We need to keep those players in the area and then work them into the first team."

"Critics ask if it is possible for a district side to get good crowds."

"I'm convinced that there would be a good chance that if Bankstown was riding high we would get good crowds," Jim said.

SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher



One interesting point to come out of last Sunday's round of matches was the number of cautions issued by referees.

From eight games a total of 19 yellow cards and one red card were shown.

This in itself is not so bad, but when you look at it a little closer it makes you wonder if the Referees Appointments Committee is doing a satisfactory job.

Experienced referees Rampley, Johnston, Rennie and Campbell only issued one yellow card between them while less experienced referees Mee, Small, Rodway and Rossis issued 18 yellow cards and one red card.

It appears that these new guys are either very unlucky to get the vicious games or else they are fighting to earn the reputation of being the fastest "card sharp" in the league.

As I predicted last week, Peter Sharne shook off what was a nasty injury to play in last Sunday's game.

The previous week, in Melbourne, where he sustained the injury, a local doctor told him he would have to have surgery on his badly torn ligaments.

Most of the credit for Peter's recovery must go to Dr. Peter Konc from the Parramatta Sports Clinic.

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Blacktown v Newcastle 2-2
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JOHN PERIN is a phenomenon in modern soccer — a player who has stayed with one club throughout a career of 17 years.

It is a phenomenon that could be in its twilight.

"I'll probably finish this year," the Adelaide City midfield maestro told me.

"I wouldn't mind a break as I haven't spent any time with my family."

Although he began his career in the senior team at 17 Perin says he has been with the Juventus club for almost 26 years.

He has dominated the Juventus, State and Adelaide City sides ever since and continues to scare those teams who are aware of his talents.

John speaks of his loyalty to the club.

"I think it speaks highly of the club that one person can spend so much time at one employment place — it's a job really."

"There have been opportunities to go elsewhere, of course, but I've never bothered because the club is a part of my life."

In 1972 Perin was released to Melbourne Juventus on a temporary lease.

It was a case of having to go as he planned to marry in Melbourne that year.

After that disappointing year he returned to Juventus.

Another opportunity to move occurred when Sydney Hakoah stepped in to negotiate but Perin thought twice about leaving.

"I've never been an ambitious sort of person, and was content to be a big fish in a small pond."

"The club has always looked after me financially, so I've never had reason to go elsewhere."

He has seen a big turnover of players.

He began when Juventus greats Charlie Di Bartolo and Fulvio Pagani were ending their careers.

"I've seen some good players come and go but with no disrespect to those we have playing now, I think we had a better crop of players in the mid 60s and early 70s."

"We would virtually be winning premiership after premiership, but that was in the State league and the competition is slightly different today."

In 1967 Perin was captain of the Australian U-23 team, in 1968 was selected for the national team, but in 1970 toured with Rasic's national team for the last time.

Perin played the last of his 13 games for Australia at 22 years of age.

"That was a disappointment as some players are just starting to play at 22. But it just comes down to not being ambitious."

"Had I been ambitious when I was young I could have possibly continued to play for Australia."

Perin also represented SA 48 times.

"The representative side of soccer never really bothered me, I was quite happy playing for the club which pays my wages week in and week out."

He has seen about 12 coaches and says their techniques are basically the same.

"Most coaches followed the European style of play — indicative of the nature of players we had in our team."

"It is much easier to teach a team a brand of soccer when you have the players adaptable to that brand of soccer — which we've always had."

"That is probably the reason we have done so well over the years."

"Discipline and emphasis on workload has been different from coach to coach."

"Rale was one heck of a disciplinarian. He demanded it."

"Edmund Kretz had his own brand of discipline and Les Scheinflug had his theory on workload."

Perin remembers Joe Vlatsis, who coached him in his first Australian international game.

Vlatsis' knowledge of the game was excellent and Perin learned a lot from him.

But training under Rale Rasic was vastly different.

"I think Rale is too advanced for the nature of soccer in this country, whereas overseas he would do well."

"Where there is money to spend he has the ideas both professionally and promotionally, but with our limited finances his potential cannot be fully recognised."

"He is too advanced technically, his knowledge of the game and the players is superb."

Perin does not see a lot of exceptional new talent coming up and is disappointed that younger players today are not prepared to work hard at the game.

He believes it goes back to the level of coaches in the junior ranks, because they are not as technically minded as the brilliant Mario Danieli he played under in his junior years.

"Once they develop the actual coaching pattern, a lot more kids will be coming through — the future of the game is in the youth."

"Clubs can't afford to keep looking for overseas players so they must concentrate on those in their own ranks."

"Kids have to be shown what to do."

"It's no use telling them, they have to be shown how to kick the ball, how to trap it and how you want them to change the direction of play."

He sees the level of the game going downwards.

Although the pace is much quicker and the demands are greater, he says the fundamentals are not there.

"Clubs should look at the employment of highly-skilled coaches for the young players."

"That way when they are promoted to senior level they have acquired the fundamentals of the game and have only to be taught discipline and pattern of play."

"I would like to see teams winning and playing well — it can be done provided it is gradually brought up through the ranks."

Perin sees the need for big sponsors to aid the game.

He feels that the level of attendances has declined because the novelty of seeing an interstate team has worn off, and people are increasingly participating in sports and recreational activities themselves.

One of the most glamorous sides Perin has played against was Manchester United. At the time the team included great players such as George Best, Bobby Charlton and Brian Kidd who later became household names in the world of soccer.

Games against Chelsea and Yugoslav side Red Star Dinamo also stand out in the long list of memorable appearances by Perin.

The differences in style of play of the British and European teams is like "chalk and cheese", Perin said.

"While the British play a more

direct, hard, no frills type of game, the Europeans play like mobile chess."

"While it may be more attractive to watch the Europeans play, you feel like tearing your hair out playing against them."

"It's like they are walking and you are constantly chasing them."

"At State level, however, we seem to fare better against the Europeans, probably because the brand of players in the State team at the time were more adaptable to that style of play."

One thing that has gone hand in hand with Perin's reputation is his temper.

"My suspensions and trouble with referees have never been through foul play — just chatting back."

"It's been in my make-up, I've always been like that and I won't change now, although I may have mellowed with age."

"If I add up all the games I've been out of through suspensions it would probably add up to over a season."

"It's nothing to be proud of so I urge other players not to argue with referees, because you can't change their opinions."

The Adelaide City v New York Cosmos game was one of the most memorable in Perin's career.

The team comprised world class players and two World Cup winning captains, Franz Beckenbauer and Carlos Alberto.

Perin has Franz Beckenbauer's shirt as a momento of that game.

He also played in an Australian XI tour of Italy in December '79 and was joined by other SA players Bobby Russell, John Besir, Jim Muri, John Kosmina and Peter Boyle.

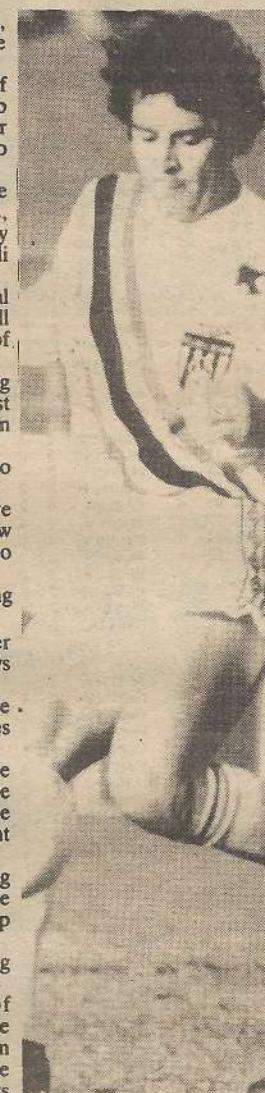
The team played four games in four weeks against Bologna, Pisa, Catanzaro and Brindisi.

He chalks that tour up to more experience and says the stadiums were superb and the grounds suited professionalism.

A medal winner, he was also honored with a statue made in his honor.

John Perin is married to Mary and they have two children Jamie, 7, and Emily, 4.

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STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

Croatia	14	2	—	44	11	30
St.George	14	1	—	63	8	29
Melita	12	1	3	42	13	25
S'land	8	3	4	22	25	10
Polonia	7	2	6	19	22	16
Monaro	7	2	7	26	32	16
R'wood	6	2	7	18	29	14
C'bury	4	5	7	25	33	13
N.Sydney	4	3	9	19	30	11
Auburn	5	—	10	11	27	10
Avala	4	2	9	18	35	8
Manly	4	1	10	18	27	9
P'matta	4	—	12	14	38	8
Bankstwn	3	—	12	16	36	6

GRADE 2

St.George	9	4	2	43	11	22
Melita	9	4	3	30	12	22
Croatia	9	4	1	26	11	22
Canterby	9	3	4	28	14	21
R'wood	9	3	3	27	13	21
Sutherlnd	8	5	5	25	19	18
Manly	5	5	28	20	15	
N.Sydney	6	3	9	18	25	15
Bankstwn	5	3	7	17	23	13
Auburn	4	3	8	15	28	11
P'matta	3	4	8	13	35	10
Avala	2	4	9	11	30	8
Polonia	2	2	11	8	26	6

GRADE 3

Bankstwn	10	2	2	38	18	22
Auburn	9	1	4	35	13	19
Manly	8	3	3	32	18	19
Canterby	7	4	3	37	27	18
R'wood	6	5	2	26	16	17
Melita	6	5	4	31	22	17
S'land	7	1	4	16	14	15
St.George	7	—	7	24	20	14
Polonia	5	3	6	20	13	10
Croatia	3	4	6	20	37	10
P'matta	2	1	9	11	34	5
N.Sydney	1	2	11	14	40	4
Avala	1	1	11	12	42	3

GRADE 4

Mt.Druitt	6	3	2	28	15	15
N.Ryde	5	5	1	24	12	15
Liv.Alb.	5	4	2	15	11	14
Blacktwn	10	3	3	38	12	23
Fry.Mdw.	9	4	3	33	16	22
Yugal	8	5	2	31	18	21
Bathurst	7	2	7	18	25	16
Warringah	4	6	6	28	25	14
Penrith	4	6	5	17	24	14
Queens P.	3	2	5	12	14	8
Lane Cove	2	4	4	11	16	8
Bonnyrigg	3	2	6	13	21	8
R'stone	2	4	3	13	20	8
Gladesvl.	2	3	5	13	21	7

GRADE 5

M't.Ville	8	2	1	25	7	18
C'town	7	3	—	23	5	17
Liv.Alb.	8	1	2	26	11	17
Baulk.Hi.	7	1	2	32	6	15
Gladesvl.	7	—	3	36	9	14
Mt.Druitt	5	3	3	29	22	13
Queens P.	5	—	5	20	27	10
Bonnyrigg	4	1	6	15	27	9
N.Ryde	3	1	7	20	31	7
Lane Cove	1	1	8	7	24	3
Dee Why	—	1	9	8	43	1
R'stone	—	—	9	5	35	—

GRADE 6

Edensor	8	3	—	33	10	19
Moorebnk	6	6	—	25	13	16
Maccabi	7	2	3	19	13	16
Glenquar.	6	3	2	34	18	15
Pagedw.	5	2	4	19	24	12
Macquar.	3	5	22	27	9	
Green Val.	4	1	6	17	24	7
Camden	1	6	4	15	18	8
Haberd.	2	4	5	18	31	8
Chullora	2	2	6	12	21	6

SCOREBOARD

GRADE 2

Fry. Mdw.	10	4	2	38	11	24
Kuringai	8	6	2	28	12	22
Blacktwn	9	3	4	23	10	21
Guidfrd.	8	3	5	28	15	19
Revesby	7	4	4	28	14	16
Penrith	8	2	5	18	15	18
Woll.Utd.	8	2	7	29	28	18
Gladesvl.	5	5	4	15	11	15
Bathurst	—	2	14	5	52	2

GRADE 3

Kuringai	14	1	1	70	12	29
Gladesvl.	9	4	1	33	14	22
Fry. Mdw.	10	2	4	33	17	22
Guildford	8	5	3	29	26	21
Belmore	8	3	4	33	20	19
Woll.Utd.	8	3	5	34	25	19
Blacktwn	6	3	6	19	25	15
Penrith	4	7	3	13	20	15
Bathurst	5	1	10	28	24	11
Revesby	4	2	9	27	27	10
N.Bankst.	3	2	8	11	23	10
Uni NSW	2	3	10	12	48	7
Warringah	2	3	0	10	12	48
Bathurst	—	2	14	5	52	2

GRADE 4

B.Hills	7	2	1	24	10	16

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DOUBLE DERBY WEEK

The order of the round this week seems to be "derbies", both district and traditional.

The Croatia-Avala match is certain to be a close affair.

The traditional rivalries between the two clubs means that despite their relative positions on the table the match is always a tough battle.

Croatia are consistently piling up the points and scoring goals.

Avala are still finding their feet under Utjesenovic and this will be an acid test.

We tip a Croatia win by at least two goals; 3-1.

Riverwood and Sutherland meet at Hurstville Oval in what is virtually a 'local' derby.

Riverwood went down rather meekly to Melita last week and can be expected to suffer the consequences from coach Abonyi this week at training.

Sutherland also went down by three goals last weekend, but played some entertaining football.

This should be a good match and we see more than a few goals in a 2-2 draw.

Melita and Parramatta do battle in their local derby on Sunday.

Melita never like playing Parramatta, whose ball playing style tends to counter Melita's own cultured style very effectively.

Most seasons Melita has found Parramatta a 'jinx' side — but earlier this year they hammered the Magpies 8-0.

Parramatta will remember that result and will be out for revenge.

We tip a Melita 2-0 victory.

Tailenders Bankstown entertain Manly on Saturday at the Soccer Centre.

Manly seem to have more chance of a win through their better overall team balance.

They have had some unlucky results recently and should be shaping up for another win.

Manly to win 2-1.

North Sydney make the long trek to Queanbeyan for their match with Monaro this Sunday and will be hoping the change of scenery will improve their luck.

They certainly did phenomenally well against the mighty St. George last week — only the class of Dez Marton separated Norths from a stunning win.

Monaro have been picking up points regularly and are once again candidates for a top four place.

Monaro will find Norths' tough opponents, but we think the local team will come out on top in a 2-1 win.

St. George — their pride somewhat tarnished by the close result against Norths — will be desperate to disprove theories that they are on the down-slide in their match against Auburn this week.

Frank Arok can be

counted on to impress upon his players how important it is they don't slip up with Croatia hot on their heels, and the struggling Auburn can expect a torrid time at the St. George stadium.

We think Saints will win, with a final scoreline of 3-0.

Possibly one of the most interesting matches

slick passes that set him free.

Polonia furthered their claim for a top four position when they defeated the nuggety Parramatta 2-0.

Szobczyk and Sookee got a goal apiece in either half.

Parramatta were put on the defensive in the first period, but gradually got on top in the second and it looked like they would get an equaliser.

Doug Utjesenovic finally got his first win as a coach when his Avala team downed Bankstown 1-0 on Sunday.

It was a forgettable match in most respects — though we expect Doug will remember the game for a while.

Canterbury got two valuable points in their 1-0 win over Auburn.

The loss worsens Auburn's relegation fears and they now drop back to third from the bottom.

Not even the efforts of young David Bowman — who saved a first half penalty — could rescue his team from the 1-0 loss.

Manly and Monaro looked set to share the points in their Cromer Park encounter when Reg Sheridan 'stole' a goal and gave Monaro a vital win last Sunday.

A cross from the right wing was not cleared by the Manly defence and as the ball rolled into Sheridan's path he slipped it home.

North Sydney gave St. George the shock of their lives at the Saints home ground last week.

Saints raced to a 2-0 lead after only six minutes and not surprisingly relaxed confident of an easy victory.

But the enthusiastic North Sydney team reacted just as swiftly and led 3-2 at halftime.

Only with the appearance of the mercurial Dez Marton did the Saints start to put it together again, and even then the winner was left till the end: Marton sending a brilliant freekick past the despairing Katsavellas.

His blistering shot from 20 metres was followed by another long range goal by defender McCoy who struck a 30 metre shot past the groping Gisbourne.

Melita eased up in attack, but still could have added more goals.

The last arrived near the end when Martinez finished off a series of

— By Paul James

of the weekend will be the Canterbury versus Polonia clash at Arlington on Sunday.

Canterbury scored a valuable win last week and this sets the scene for an even battle.

We think that a draw is the likely result, with only a few goals, in a 1-1 result.

SUTHERLAND v CROATIA 0-3(0-0)

Sutherland: Haynes, Hesford, Cashman, Donnelly, Dal Forno, Groome, Watkins, Meades, T. Bush, Connor (Cooper 75m), P. Bush.

Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Sterry, M. Kovacic, Coleman, (Dudaric 73m), Vidaić, Parker, (Pagan 80m), Czołkowski, Silva, Borges, Hensman.

Goals: 0-1 M. Kovacic (55m), 0-2 Silva (69m), 0-3 Silva (88m). **Referee:** G. Warne; crowd: 2,356.

POLONIA v PARRAMATTA 2-0(1-0)

Polonia: Kalinowski, Zounis, Maitre, Galas, R. Budini, Garlowski, Divani, Noble, Sookee, Szobczyk, A. Budini.

Parramatta: Donovan, Fairclough, Biglands, Bates, Luckay, Roden, Hynes, Juchniewicz, Crawford (Brizuela 55m), Herron, Montgomery.

Goals: 0-1 Szobczyk (33m), 2-0 Sookee (88m). **Referee:** B. Fowler; crowd: 450.

MELITA v RIVERWOOD 3-0(2-0)

Melita: Greedy, McCoy, Darvill, Daley, McPherson, Stoddart, Berry, Farrugia, (Loxley 86m), Allan, Williams (Martinez 70m), Jones.

Riverwood: Gibson, Martin, Wignall, Butcher, Mikas, Bulloch, Lee, Savor (Langdon 6m), Fisher, Tracey, Kumsuz.

Goals: 1-0 Farrugia (8m), 2-0 McCoy (20m), 3-0 Martinez (82m). **Referee:** A. Owens; crowd: 1,300; cautions: Martin.

AVALA v BANKSTOWN 1-0(1-0)

Avala: Ahrens, Lembryk, Turnbull, Bateman, Brown, Ruiz, Gogic, Fairclough, Pearson, Samuels, Young.

Bankstown: Lachowicz, Beveridge, Usher, Rootsey, Glen Lynch, Isoardi, Peck (Ferguson 85m), King (Finch 70m), Rea, Beater, Sirett.

Goals: 1-0 Samuels (38m). **Referee:** J. Jones; crowd: 450; cautions: Beater, Rootsey, Ahrens.

MANLY v INTER MONARO 0-1(0-0)

Manly: Ellis, K. Faulkner, Doyle (Dick 78m), Emery, Kramer, Geoghegan, Jack, Riley, Reagan (Stuart 55m), Chapman, Fox.

Inter. Monaro: Caputo, Francis, Charles, Noble (Crawford 88m), Santolin, Falzon, Arquero, Sheridan, Link, Salgado (Johnson 31m), Heywood.

Goals: 0-1 Sheridan (75m). **Referee:** N. Condron; crowd: 389; cautions: Heywood, Johnson.

NTH.SYDNEY v ST.GEORGE 3-4(3-2)

North Sydney: Katsavellas, Gibson, O'Rourke, A. Bottalico, McGinn, Matheson, Steven, Mor-

seilo, S. Wilson (T. Wilson 7m), Dale, Mitchell.

St. George: Fraser, Duarte, Terry, Barton, Rylands, McDonald, Skeen, Stone, Campbell, Griffiths (Groote 37m replaced by Marton 62m), Kanachi.

Goals: 0-1 Barton (4m), 0-2 Kanacki (8m), 1-2 Steven (18m), 2-2 Morsello (31m), 3-2 Morsello (36m), 3-3 Marton (pen. 64m), 3-4 Marton (88m). **Referee:** T. Seacey; cautions: Gibson, Steven, McGinn, O'Rourke.

AUBURN v CANTERBURY 0-1(0-1)

Auburn: Bowman, McInerney, McKindernick, Bieby, McDonald, Polotz (Charles 74m), Thierling, Quigley, Izatt, Brown, Allan.

Canterbury: McPherson,

Karasiros, Kable, Barton,

Pseutoikonomou, Bourke, Petas

(Gill 33m), Williams, R. Brown, Bozanos, Basterfield.

Goals: 0-1 Brown (32m). **Referee:** G. Power; crowd: 210; caution: McDonald.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

Group 1

	Gladesville/Horns. v Olympic	0-2	2-1	1-0
	Bankstown v Polonia	1-0	3-0	3-2
	St. George v Illawarra	2-2	3-1	6-0
	Blacktown City v Leichhardt	1-2	1-0	1-1
	Croatia v Melita	0-5	1-0	0-2
	Sthn. & Eastern v Baulk.Hills	0-0	2-3	1-0

Group 2

	Nepean v Canterbury	2-0	1-2	0-4
	Riverwood v Sutherland	0-4	1-4	1-2
	Kuringai v Marconi	3-3	0-4	0-4
	Avala v Manly	1-7	2-2	0-6
	Sthn.Dist. v Blacktown Assoc.	2-0	0-1	2-2

Group 3

	Bankstown 11, Illawarra 10, Croatia 9, Polonia 9, Baulk. Hills 1 pt.			
	Group 2			
	Under 14: Kuringai 27, Illawarra 22, Manly 21, Canterbury 21, Sutherland 18, Central Coast 16, Blacktown Assoc. 12, Melita 12, Polonia 11, South & East 8, Baulk. Hills 7, Croatia 5 pts.			
	Under 15: St. George 27, Leichhardt 26, Illawarra 23, Blacktown City 21, Gladesville 19, Croatia 16, Baulk. Hills 15, Bankstown 11, Polonia 10, South & East 8, Olympic 7, Melita 3 pts.			
	Under 16: Canterbury 28, Sutherland 28, Marconi 23, Canterbury 23, Nepean 20, Manly 20, Avala 16, Riverwood 15, Central Coast 13, Kuringai 11, Blackt. Assoc. 9, South. District opt.			
	Under 18: Canterbury 28, Sutherland 22, Marconi 20, Manly 19, Blacktown Assoc. 18, South. Dist. 17, Riverwood 15, Kuringai 14, Avala 12, Nepean 9, Central Coast 6 pt.			
	Group 1 (All Saturday)			
	Glad/Horns. v Sthn. & Eastern, Pioneer			
	Bankstown v Melita, Everley			
	St. George v Syd. Olympic, Pratten			
	Blacktown City v Polonia, Chopin			
	Illawarra v Leichhardt, Balgownie			
	Baulkham Hills v Croatia, St. Johns			

Group 2

	Nepean v Sthn. Dist., Ernie Smith			
	Riverwood v Manly, Hurstville			
	Kuringai v Canterbury, Arlington			
	Central Coast v Sutherland, Fagen			
	Blacktown Assoc. v Avala, Francis Park			

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

It's a bizarre twist of history that no dictator ever likes to be called just that.

Mussolini, Hitler, Peron, Franco, Stalin and their ilk all pretended that they were fairly decent chaps ruling by consensus, for the benefit of their country.

Last week Sir Arthur George also declined this epithet. In the course of a TV interview he disclaimed the title.

Perhaps he is right: he could be just a very persuasive man surrounded by weak colleagues.

How else could he have managed to protect Rudi Gutendorf from the ire of his many critics so long?

To this day — according to "well informed sources" — Sir Arthur is one of only two people who knows exactly the intricate details of Gutendorf's contract.

He has also managed to suppress Vic Tuting's tour report which was read to the ASF executive — but never circulated in writing in case it "leaked" to the Press.

We have reason to believe that Tuting recommended the dismissal of Gutendorf after the December tour but Sir Arthur took it on himself to "straighten out the fellow."

Of course, we all know what happened later. Was it worthwhile to go to such lengths, against public opinion?

And which tour manager in future will bother to write an honest report if it's fed into a shredder?

One thing we can do extremely well in Australian soccer is to keep unnecessary "secrets."

Last week the Australia v Taiwan World Cup match was televised "live" from Adelaide — without a word of advance publicity.

Neither the ASF nor Channel 9 told the Press about it and, together with most viewers, we stumbled on it by accident in the ordinary TV guide.

I know we have a poor national team but to hide them from the viewers is going too far.

The way Olympic have been trying to keep Tommy Docherty as manager you'd think they are on the top of the hit-parade, heading for a certain PSL title win instead of being placed a modest 9th out of 16.

If the rumors are to be believed, The Doc's annual \$50,000 was to be doubled to an insane \$100,000 had he decided to stay.

But the fiery Scot couldn't be held: the lure of English soccer — even in third division — at a much more modest salary proved to be too big. So he's going and, according to the many

people on those toes he has trampled, none too soon.

In recent weeks The Doc lashed out in the most unprofessional way at Les Scheinfug, John Warren and some others.

Life without The Doc won't be the same again in Sydney.

It will be saner.

Docherty has been largely instrumental in creating artificial controversies.

He has loudly criticised fellow coaches, administrators, referees and others.

In fact, in recent weeks he has managed to make us forget Rudi Gutendorf with all his own histrionics: by comparison Gutendorf now appears, in retrospect, as a reticent Trappist monk.

No doubt Docherty doesn't mean half the things he says; he believes that any publicity for the game is beneficial.

That is probably true in England where the mass media thrives on scandals and controversies in soccer.

Soccer in Britain survives all that — because it's the No. 1 sport.

But not here: these stupid personal attacks, like Docherty's childish foul-mouthed onslaught on John Warren, merely show up soccer to the general public as a feuding gypsy camp cursed with a death-wish.

The Sunday newspapers, delightedly, provide a platform for these personal vendettas; from their viewpoint, a good story is more important than good soccer.

But perhaps the time has come to call for a moratorium of this incredible public linen washing.

And if all these guest columnists have nothing else to offer but vitriolic attacks on one another, they should, for the sake of the game, shut up and go back to their decent everyday trade.

I am a bit surprised why no enterprising individual or club wants to test the magnetic appeal of old fashioned soccer chauvinism.

We all know that national pride is a powerful driving force, serving as the basis for international sport — including the Olympics.

In the October-November off-season an exciting — and probably lucrative — "international tournament" could be staged in Sydney.

You could field six teams of various nationalities: Australian, English, Scottish, Greek, Yugoslav and Latin.

Just have a look at the talent available:

***Yugoslavs:** Djordjevic, Lujic, Iloski, Licanin, Jovanovic, Prskalo, Krnecic, Culina, Milovanovic, Milosevic, Kovacic, Petrovski, Picioane, Kafka, Marton, Manacki, Buljevic etc. (some born here of Yugoslav parents).*

***Latin countries:** H. Silva, M. Silva, Borges, Gomez, Giampaolo, Valeri, Bertogna, Morsello, Marocchi, Perini, Villani, Melta, Casacchia, Zaccaria, Mariani, Santolin, etc.*

***Greek:** Katholos, Raskopoulos, Moulis, Koussas, Patikas, Kondarios, Kyriakouleas, Selemidis, Christopoulos, Xanthopoulos, Yankos, Kambas, Koulianios, Zeros, Manou, etc.*

It would be easy to select a strong Australian, English and Scottish team.

It wouldn't sell? Come off it. A properly staged match between "Yugoslavia" and "Greece" would pack Barton Park even in November.

Furthermore, it would test the appeal of "ethnic" soccer and help our administrations to decide how the game should be marketed.

Years ago, at least once a year, we used to watch an "Australia" v "The Rest" game — and they were excellent drawcards.

Why not revive the idea on an extended scale?

— Andrew Dettre

NEW TEAM MUST BE HIGH ON SKILL

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Theo Selemidis — well worth a recall.

Everybody has his own ideas, likes and dislikes and bête noires, and so do I.

If I were Scheinfug, I would place a very heavy emphasis on skill coupled with the other necessary attributes—but would never select a player simply because he has a "big heart" and is prepared to fight through modern soccer does require an amount of courage and determination.

Soccer has to be played, not fought; the sooner we believe this the sooner our national teams begin to rise from their ashes.

Without further ado and with apologies to no one, this would be my squad of 22:

Goalkeepers: Maher (Marconi), Crook (West Adel.)

Fullbacks: Russell (Adel. City), Mullen (Sydney City), Bozanic (West Adel.), R.O'Shea (Canberra).

Central defenders: Henderson (Marconi), Bennett (Lions), Mariani (Marconi), Yzendoorn (Heidelberg).

Midfielders: Selemidis (Heidelberg), Katholos (Olympic), Marocchi (Adel. City), Souness (Sydney City), Davidson (St. Melbourne), Byrne (Marconi).

Strikers: O'Connor (Leichhardt), Sharne (Marconi), Tredinnick (Wollongong), Cole (Heidelberg), Giampaolo

powerful Bennett — what was his crime for which he was sent to Coventry for years? — and bring in the talented and polished Mariani.

He is blossoming out as a rare type defender, one who can read the play and also deliver a pass; it's only his occasional lapses in concentration that have to be corrected.

Yzendoorn is another must, once the beat-up "tape-case" has been resolved.

I am no Blair fan: against New Zealand in Sydney and again in Adelaide last week he showed how easy it is to pass him or shake him off the ball in very conventional one-to-one situations.

He is a nice guy—but at stopper that's the last thing a team needs: the last man of the defence has to have murder in his heart, not lyrical thoughts.

Barnes is having a very disappointing season and even when he plays well enough for his club, for the national team he is often a failure.

His lack of mobility and poor passing should automatically eliminate him from the critical midfield and if he is retained, it should be at stopper, nowhere else.

In midfield I would want players who all have above average skill, aggression, speed and can also hit the ball, like old fashioned inside forwards used to.

Let's not argue about Davidson and Katholos: both are in the squad and deserved so.

But Davidson is a true midfielder with strong attacking instincts who, at fullback, never gives half of his true ability.

Selemidis deserves to be brought back: he is speedy, skilful and intelligent.

Marocchi, Souness and Byrne should complete the sextet.

Marocchi is perhaps the greatest single midfield talent in Australia, alongside of Davidson; his accurate passing, clairvoyance and attacking flair can set the pace and rhythm for his team.

Souness is extremely

aggressive, skilful and can cover an awful lot of ground while Byrne's qualities are well known.

Perhaps Peter Stone could be considered even if he is out of sight in the State League and perhaps Jankovics could be tried in a purely midfield role.

Up front I'd opt for three wingers and three central strikers.

O'Connor can play on either flank and, to a lesser degree, so can Sharne and Tredinnick.

All three are very fast; Sharne is perhaps the speediest but the other two have more skill to make this an event contest.

Kosmina selects himself: at his best he is all class, an excellent shielder of the ball, direct, powerful and has an excellent shot in both feet.

Cole, despite his post-McKendry form lapse, cannot be overlooked: he is the epitome of the robust, goal-getting old fashioned centre forward type who needs constant servicing to be effective.

Giampaolo's silky skills are such a rare phenomenon in Australian soccer that it's criminal to overlook him.

He can create and he can convert chances; he needs, more than most, the right handling to perform at his best.

Boden isn't combative enough though, at his best, he would probably still deserve to be considered; Brennan is far too inconsistent and too much of a soloist and Mitchell is far too green to be considered yet.

As for Krnecic, hailed as the greatest talent two years ago, his development stopped completely and it's a luxury to select him purely on his potential.

In this assessment I have cast aside all State loyalties and preferences.

Neither have I mentioned age though, undoubtedly, this is an important factor when building a new team and were partly my reason for omitting Prskalo, Boden and Tansey, too.

Neither would I rush headlong into a vast rejuvenation program.

Youngsters like Wheatley, Blair, Mitchell, Villani, Hunter, Raskopoulos and some others should be brought along patiently instead of being thrown into deep water.

In fact, I believe it's a mistake to use them in the national team only to give them a run with a view of the October World Youth Cup.

That squad should be prepared quite separately from the Socceroo team to build up a cohesion and a team pattern.

By using Wheatley, Blair and Mitchell in an occasional full international we merely cut the youth squad into two halves.

Although I have named only players who are eligible to appear for Australia — without any traditional last minute naturalisation circus — within this framework I have not distinguished between players born here or overseas.

Last but not least, I have not allowed my personal likes of some players, as individuals, influence me.

There are quite a few players with whom I am on friendly terms (or used to be until now...?) who are not in my squad.

Sensitive as they may be, I hope they will accept by subjective reasoning without hurt feelings.

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